

have thrown into the fighting sixty-seven new divisions and seventeen battalions, of which thirty-four divisions were on the English front, and thirty-three divisions, with the seventeen battalions, on the French.

#### LOSSES ADMITTED.

Berlin Concedes Victory to Allies in Somme Fighting.

Berlin, Sept. 26.—The War Office this morning concedes that the Allies are winning advances in the west. The official report says in part:

Successes were obtained by the enemy to the east of Eaucourt l'Abbaye (north of Piers) and the conquest of the villages on the line of Guedes must be recognized. But before all we must think of our heroic troops who faced the united Anglo-French principal forces and the massed employment of material of the whole world's war industry prepared during many months.

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London, Sept. 27 (Wednesday).—The capture of Thiepval by the British and of Combles by the combined Anglo-French forces is regarded here as the most important success on the grand offensive.

The fall of the stronghold of Combles was expected for weeks. Combles had been in process of encirclement by the British on the north and west and by the French on the south and east, but the capture of Thiepval has proved a genuine surprise, because it has been a stimulating block in the advance of the British almost since the beginning of the offensive on July 1.

Thiepval's fall given to the Anglo-French forces the whole line of low hills which alone to the plain upon which the town of Bapaume makes the next fortified center.

The semi-official account of the capture of Combles speaks of the large number of men in the garrison and the great quantity of war stores taken. Reuter's official correspondent says: "This great success was won at very small cost, thanks, in part, to the excellence of the artillery and in part to a real collapse of the German defense."

Reference is also made to the apparent weakened morale of the German troops, who are declared in some instances to have fled from their trenches, throwing away their rifles.

The Times attaches significance to the "breakdown of the German defense, confessed in the Berlin account of the Combles battle, and says it augurs for the German General Staff is apologizing for the crushing defeat.

The Daily Mail declares that the Anglo-French forces have "accomplished one of the supreme feats of the war in capturing Combles, which the Germans two years ago selected as one of their pivots and fortified it with every art known to man."

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## 74 KILLED, 152 HURT IN TWO ZEPPEL RAIDS

Official List of Casualties Issued in London—Many Women Victims.

#### COTTAGES ARE WRECKED

Principal Attacks Directed Against Industrial Region in the Midlands.

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London, Sept. 26.—The German raid on England last night and the early hours of this morning was made by seven airships. The districts attacked were the south coast, the east coast, the northeast coast and the north midlands. The principal attack was aimed against the industrial centers in the last mentioned area. The official statement says:

Up to the present time no damage to factories or works of military importance has been reported. A number of small houses and cottages were wrecked or damaged at some places, and twenty-nine deaths have been reported.

No attempt was made to approach London. The raiders were engaged by our anti-aircraft defenses and were successfully driven off from several large industrial centers.

Last night's casualties, so far reported, are: Killed, 74; injured, 152. Twenty deaths from injuries have been reported. The casualties not having been reported by the police immediately, the corrected figures for Sunday night's raid are:

Killed, 23 men, 12 women and 3 children; total, 38. Injured, 56 men, 43 women and 26 children; total, 125. This makes the total casualties in forty-eight hours from German raids: Killed, 74; injured, 152.

One of the Zeppelins participating in the raid on England last night took a new course and visited the south coast. No damage resulting from its visit so far has been reported. As the airship crossed the southern district it was soon picked up and heavily fired at, whereupon it quickly ascended.

It was announced officially to-day that the two airships brought down in the Sunday night raid were the naval Zeppelins L-22 and L-23, both of very recent construction. The first was destroyed by an aeroplane after passing through an effective pursuit. The second was hit by gunfire from the London defenses and was forced to descend in Essex through loss of gas.

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#### CALLS RAIDS USELESS.

Hungarian Newspaper Questions Value of Zeppelin Attacks.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

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"When we saw the body which had been over to its own side when Rockwell's biplane overtook it. The aviator dived and landed on the ground. Suddenly the biplane ceased firing and took a sharp nose dive for an instant, then a nose spin. As it was falling one of the wings was carried away. When troops arrived they found Rockwell's body among the wreckage."

"The body fell just behind the French line trenches. German batteries at once opened fire on the spot and it was a hard task to recover the body. It was brought to the hospital at the air squadron's new headquarters."

Rockwell died within four miles of the spot where he was killed. His brother, Paul, arrived here today. His grief scarcely exceeds that of the other members of the squadron, who admired Kiffin ungrudgingly for his bravery and his utter devotion to his work."

## LONDON COMMITTEE TO ACT WITH CENSOR

American Bankers Devise a Way to Expedite Business Mail Reaching England.

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A. Barton Hepburn, who acted as the master of ceremonies at the luncheon tendered to Sir Richard Caspary, the British representative of the British Embassy, at the Bankers' Club on Monday, at which means of expediting the censorship and the blacklisting and to take up in an official manner with Sir Richard cases which may arise. This committee will be organized to increase its numbers as necessary.

It is practically certain that the banks which do the largest foreign exchange business will be represented on this committee. Among these institutions are the National City Bank, the Bankers Trust Company, the Guaranty Trust Company, the National Bank of Commerce, J. P. Morgan & Co., and the First National City Bank.

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Prof. Harold Haseltine, A. M., fellow and law lecturer of Emanuel College, Cambridge, arrived in New York yesterday prepared to begin a series of lectures on English history and old English law. He will deliver the Carpenter lectures later in the year.

#### GERARDS AT COPENHAGEN.

Ambassador Awaits Word From Washington on Vacation.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 26.—James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador to Germany, arrived here this evening from Berlin with Mrs. Gerard, who is to sail Thursday on the steamer Frederik VIII, for New York.

Mr. Gerard is still awaiting instructions from Washington concerning his vacation, which he hopes to spend in the United States.

#### Spain Protests to Germany.

MADRID, Sept. 26.—The Spanish Government has sent a note to Berlin protesting energetically against the torpedoing of Spanish steamers by German submarines.

## MEXICANS ATTACK NEUTRALITY LAWS

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The Mexican commissioners indicated their Government would be able to handle its rebel bands and border outlaws much more effectively if this Government would amend its neutrality laws to this extent. They asserted the laxity of the American laws made it possible to propagate conspiracies on this side of the border against established order in Mexico.

When the American commissioners submitted a list of border raids, outrages and accidents compiled by the War Department the Mexicans had ready another list which purported to specify instances where American soldiers or civilians had illegally crossed the border into Mexico. The list also contained instances in which Mexican nationals were said to have lost their lives and property on American soil.

In the face of the persistent efforts of the Mexican commissioners to show that country as greatly in the wrong as the southern republic in all the trouble which has occurred between them the American members of the conference are finding it a slow procedure to arrive at a mutually satisfactory plan of cooperation for the maintenance of peace along the border, the object of today's session and the others which will follow this week.

Their argument that Mexico should govern her frontier as to make it unswerving for the United States to maintain an army along the border was not held, beginning next Monday. Two more sessions will be held here, one tomorrow and another Thursday, when an adjournment will be taken until next week.

#### VILLISTAS EXECUTED.

Six Hundred Men Put to Death by General Trevino.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 26.—Six hundred Villa men have been executed by General Trevino since the Villa attack on September 18, according to reports reaching United States army headquarters here. From the same source comes information regarding the reported annihilation of the Santa Ysabel and San Andreas garrisons.

The men have faced the firing squad by order of Gen. Trevino. Many were found with weapons in their possession. They all were accused of having aided Villa in his attack.

A Mexican who was a prisoner in the Chihuahua prison says Villa liberated 300 prisoners, who were lined up at Las Escobas and given their choice of going back or returning to Chihuahua. Only thirty-eight returned, says this Mexican. He was among them and arrived in Durango today. He claims to have seen Villa, who walks with a slight limp, but seems as robust as ever.

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